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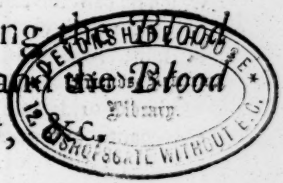
A Testimony concerning the Blood of the *Old-Covenant*, and the Blood of the *New-Covenant*, &c.



Moses took the Blood of the Oxen and Calves that were offered for Sacrifices, Burnt-Offerings and Peace-Offerings, and sprinkled it upon the Altar, and upon the People, and said unto them, *Behold the Blood of the Covenant which the Lord hath made with you*: So the Life of the Beasts and other Creatures (which is the Blood) was the Blood of the Old Covenant.

And after *Moses* had sprinkled the People, he sprinkled the Tabernacle, and the Vessels of the Ministry, he sprinkled *Aaron* and his Sons, and he sprinkled the Books of the Old-Testament; so the first Testament and Covenant was dedicated with the Blood of Beasts and other Creatures, which was the Life of Beasts and other Creatures; and almost all things were by the Law of *Moses* purged with Blood, which was the Life of Beasts. And without shedding of Blood there was no Remission of sin. And (as I said before) when *Moses* had sprinkled the Books of the old-testament, & the people with the blood (which was the life of Beasts) he said, *This is the Blood of the Covenant and Testament which God hath enjoyned to you*. So the Blood of the old covenant and the old testament, was the Life of the clean Beasts without blemish (as I said before) for is not the Blood the Life? And it is not possible that the Blood, the Life of Bulls, Goats or other Creatures in the Old Covenant should take away sin. But in the New Covenant its written, *Forasmuch as we are not redeemed with Corruptible things, nor with Silver nor Gold from our vain Conversations or Tradition of our Fore-fathers, but with the precious Blood of Christ, a Lamb without Blemish or Spot,*

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which Lamb was fore-ordained, before the Foundation of the World, and was manifested in the Apostle's Time and Dayes, which he calls the Last Times. Silver and Gold are Corruptible things, which cannot redeem from Corruption, nor the Blood of Bulls, Goats or other Creatures, which will Corrupt, but the Blood of the Lamb, which was ordained before the Foundation of the World, and manifested in the Last Times, in the New Covenant; this precious Blood of the Lamb, without spot or blemish, Christ Jesus, doth not corrupt, for it doth redeem from the Traditions of our Fore fathers the *Jews* in the Old Covenant, and the corruptible Blood of Bulls, Goats and other creatures, that could not take away Sin. And so by the Blood of the Lamb Christ Jesus, the Saints are redeemed from their vain Conversation and corruptible Life, to a Conversation in Heaven and Incorruptible Life.

And as *Moses* in the Old Covenant sprinkled the People with the Blood, the Life of Beasts; so Christ our High Priest sprinkles the Hearts and Consciences of his People in the New Covenant with his Blood, his Life, *from their dead Works, that they may serve the Living God in newness of Life*: And as the Blood of the Old Covenant was the Life of the Beasts, so the Blood of the Everlasting Covenant is the Life of Christ the Lamb, ordain'd before the Foundation of the World, who is the great Shepherd of his Sheep; through the Blood of his Everlasting Covenant *he makes his Saints Perfect in every good Work to do his Will, working in them that which is well-pleasing in his sight.* So it is clear, the Blood of the Everlasting New Covenant is the Life of Christ Jesus; and the Blood of the Old Covenant was the Life of the Beasts, and the bodies of those Beasts in the old covenant were burnt without the *Jews* Camp, and the blood was brought into the Sanctuary by the High-Priest, as an Attonement for the sins of the Priests and People; wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctifie his People with his own blood, suffer'd without the gates of *Jerusalem*: Let us go therefore unto him (to wit, Christ) without the *Jews* camp, bearing Christs reproach, who was reproached, who sanctifies with his blood, his life, which dedicates the new covenant; so that all may come to Jesus the Mediator

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of the new covenant, and his blood of ſprinkling, that ſpeaketh better things than that of *Abel*, or of the blood of Bulls and Goats the life of Beaſts; for Chriſt being a High-Prieſt, and of a more perfect Tabernacle than that which was made with hands in the old covenant, did not enter into the holy place made with hands, by the blood of Bulls, Goats and Calves, as the Prieſts of the old covenant did. But Chriſt, the Lamb of God, ordained before the Foundation of the World, which was manifeſted in time, by his own blood, his life, entered once into the holy place, into Heaven it ſelf (now to appear in the preſence of God for us) having obtain'd eternal Redemption for us: ſo it is the blood, the life of Chriſt in the new covenant, that cleanſeth from all ſin, who through the eternal Spirit offered himſelf without ſpot to God, to *purge our Conſciences from dead Works, to ſerve the living God*: for this cauſe he is the Mediator of the new Teſtament.

And ſo Chriſt was once offered for ſin, who taſted Death for every man; ſo he takes away the firſt covenant, that he may eſtabliſh the ſecond, and by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are Sanctified; ſo it is by the blood of Chriſt, by which all his People's ſins are waſhed away, who did and do confeſs, that Chriſt had redeemed them to God by his blood, and their Garments were made white with the blood of the Lamb.

So the blood of the old covenant was the life of the Beaſts and other creatures; and the blood of the new covenant is the life of Chriſt Jeſus, who ſaith, *Except ye eat my Fleſh, and drink my Blood, ye have no Life in me.* So the blood of the new covenant is not according to the old; and ſo with this blood of the new covenant muſt every one feel their Hearts ſprinkled, if they have life; and in this new covenant they ſhall all know the Lord, &c. And by this blood of Jeſus, his life in the new covenant, they are juſtified, in whom we have redemption and the forgiveneſs of ſins; and Chriſt hath purchaſed his Church with his own blood, his life, and their Faith doth ſtand in his blood, which is the Life of the Lamb. Therefore the Apoſtle ſaith, *If ye walk in the Light, as he is in the Light, then have ye fellowſhip one with another, and the blood of Chriſt Jeſus his Son cleanſes from all ſin.* So it is not the blood of Bulls, Goats or the blood of other creatures, which was the blood of the old covenant, nor their other outward waſhings in it, that

takes away sin; but the blood of the new covenant, which is the blood of the Lamb without blemish, Christ Jesus, the blood of the Lamb, the life of the Lamb, with which Christ, the High-Priest sanctifies, cleanses and redeems; and he washes with his own life, his blood; yea, he sprinkles the Altar of their Hearts, that they may offer a Sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruits of our lips giving thanks to his Name.

So you are bought and purchased with the blood of Christ, the life of Christ, who has dyed for you, and risen for your Justification, that all might live to him, and not to themselves, and glorifie him in Body, Soul and Spirit, which are his, who hath purchased you with his blood, his life: so worthy is the Lamb to receive glory and honour, who hath redeemed us to God by his blood, and hath washed us from our sins by his blood, and our Garments are made white by the blood of the Lamb. So the Saints do overcome by the blood, the life of the Lamb, who was dead, and is alive again, and lives for evermore.

So the blood of the old covenant was the life of Lambs and Beasts without blemish, by which all things were cleansed and sprinkled withal; yea, the Tabernacle and the Vessels, Priests and People with the blood, the life of the clean Beasts without Blemish, in the old covenant and old testament; but the blood of the new covenant & of the new testament, his blood is the life of the Lamb, Christ Jesus, the Son of God without blemish, spot, sin or guile; a Lamb prepared before the Foundation of the sinful World was: So it is by the life, the blood of this spotless Lamb, that all his people are sanctified and redeemed to God, and sprinkled and washed, their Hearts, Consciences, Tabernacles, Vessels and Altar in the Tabernacle, and the fat consumed by his Fire on the Altar, by which they come to be a Royal Priesthood, offering up spiritual Sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ.

So the Blood of the New and Everlasting Covenant is the Life of Christ, which all the Believers in his Light are to walk in, and to be cleansed by it, giving all Honour and Glory to God, and the Lamb, who hath Redeemed us to God by his Blood.

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AND whereas many Lyes and False Reports have been cast upon us by both Priests and Professors, that we do slight, deny and undervalue; the Blood of Christ Jesus, who do value and esteem it more than any of them; for how can they value or esteem the Blood of Christ that plead for sin Term of Life! which makes for the *Popish doctrine* of *Purgatory* when they are dead, who are not washed, and their Garments made white, nor cleansed from all sin, and redeemed to God by the Blood of the Lamb, from their vain Conversations and the Tradition of their Fore-fathers, neither have they so much Faith in the Blood of Christ the Lamb, ordained before the Foundation of the World, that it will so wash them, and cleanse them, and redeem them, or make them as clean as their Father *Adam* and Mother *Eve* was before they fell, and that they might come to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus that never fell.

And it may be seen it was the Life of the clean Beasts from *Abels* time, that was offered and accepted of by God to cleanse withal, and therefore they were not to eat the Blood, for the Blood, the Life of the Beasts was offered to God for an Attonement upon his Altar: So its clear it was the Blood, the Life of the Beasts which God required to make Attonement with upon his Altar for their Souls: for the Lord saith, *The Life of all Flesh is the Blood*, and whosoever did eat it was to be cut off; for the Life of all Flesh, the Blood, was to be offered upon his Altar to make Attonement for their Souls, as the Lord required.

Thus the first Covenant was dedicated with the Blood, which was the Life of all Flesh; But the new and second Covenant is dedicated with the Blood, the Life of Christ Jesus, which is the alone Attonement unto God, by which all his people are Washed, Sanctified, Cleansed and Redeemed to God; so that their Faith and Testimony stands in the Blood of the Lamb, the Life of Christ Jesus, fore-ordained before the World was, a Lamb without Blemish, Guile, Spot or Sin, which cleanses from all spots

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and ſin, and waſhes and makes clean the Garments. And Chriſt aboliſhes both the Blood of Beaſts, and the Altar, and all the Traditions in the Law, and their Offerings and Sacrifices before the Law, by the offering up of himſelf once in the end of the World a Lamb ordained before the Foundation of the World, therefore muſt every ones Faith and Teſtimony ſtand in him and his Blood. And who are the true Witneſſes of this, but they only that have drunk of the Blood of Chriſt, and eaten of his Fleſh, which he gives for the Life of the World, not ſuch as talk of it only?

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God; the ſame was in the beginning with God; all things were made by him, and without him was not any thing made that was made; and the Word was made fleſh and dwelt amongſt us, and we beheld his Glory as the Glory of the only begotten of the Father. And Chriſt ſaid, *I have glorified thee on Earth, I have finiſhed thy Work which thou gaveſt me to do: And now, O Father, glorifie thou me with thy own ſelf, with the glory which I had with thee before the World was, for thou lovedſt me before the Foundation of the world,* Joh. 17. So Chriſt a Lamb without ſpot or blemiſh, who redeems us from our vain Converſations and Traditions of our Fore-fathers the *Jews, who verily was ordained before the Foundation of the World, but was manifeſted in theſe Laſt Times, &c.* 1 Pet. 1. 19, 20. *who hath put an end to all the* Jews *Offerings and Sacrifices,* as the Apoſtle ſaith; for in the end of the World he hath appeared (to wit; Chriſt) to put away ſin with the Sacrifice of himſelf. For if the Blood of Bulls and Goats, which is their Life, and the Aſhes of a Heifer ſprinkling the Unclean, Sanctifieth to the purifying of the Fleſh, in the Old Covenant; how much more ſhall the Blood of Chriſt, his Life, who hath through the Eternal Spirit offered himſelf without ſpot to God, *Purge your Conſciences from dead Works, to ſerve the Living God*; ſo for this cauſe he is the Mediator of the New Teſtament, which is dedicated with his Blood, his Life: *So Jeſus Chriſt was ſurety of a better Teſtament than that of the* Jews, Heb. 7. 22. *For he by the Grace of God taſted Death for every Man,* Heb. 2. and lighteth every man that cometh into the World; and ſaith, *I am the Light of the World, and he that follows*

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me ſhall not abide in Darkneſs, but ſhall have the Light of Life And the Apoſtle told the *Epheſians*, that he was *to make all men ſee what is the fellowſhip of the Myſtery, which ſince the beginning of the World hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jeſus Chriſt*, Epheſ. 3. *And he that hath the Son of God, hath Life; and he that hath not the Son of God, hath not Life.*

Here its clear Chriſt is the Firſt and the Laſt, the Beginning and Ending, and over all in the Glory that he had with the Father before the World began; therefore let your Faith ſtand in Chriſt, and his Blood, his Life, by which ye are Waſhed, Sanctified, Purged, Cleanſed and Redeemed to God, that God through Chriſt your Mediator may have the Glory in all your Hearts.

The Blood of the clean Beaſts, which was the Life of the Beaſts, with it did the High-Prieſt enter once a Year into the holy place made with hands, to make an Attonement for himſelf and the people of the *Jews* in the Old Covenant; but Chriſt our High Prieſt entered into Heaven, by his own Blood, his own Life, to make an Attonement for us; he taſted Death for every man, and was a Propitiation for the ſins of the whole World, who was dead, and is alive again, and lives for evermore; ſo he ever liveth to make Interceſſion for his people, and ſo his people have boldneſs to enter into the Holyeſt, to wit, into Heaven, by the Blood, the Life of Jeſus, by a New and Living Way, which is Conſecrated for us through the Vail, that is to ſay, his Fleſh; Glory to God forever, through Jeſus the Saviour, and Chriſt the Anointed of God.

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THE END.